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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 16-Aug-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	08/16/08	08/09/08
Broiler/fryer	170,013	170,594
Light hens	1,592	1,353
Heavy hens	1,757	1,793

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA ***DATA FOR THE WEEKENDING***

	WEEK	ENDING 09-Aug-08 (THOUSAND	HEAD)
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	339	0	347
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	450	0	450
Same week yr ago	294	0	294
To-date/2008	10,591	46	10,637
To-date/2007	8,056	23	8,079

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Total U. S. fowl slaughter in the U. S. and Canada

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,611	1,812	3,423
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,870	1,747	3,617
Same week yr ago	1,559	1,668	3,227
To-date/2008	55,333	51,146	106,479
To-date/2007	43,878	46,191	90,069

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION WEEK ENDING 09-Aug-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
	CHICKENS	HENS	HENS	HENS
Head	167,406	1,272	1,804	3,076
Avg Wt	5.45	3.23	8.01	6.03
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	166,665	1,420	1,747	3,167
Same wk yr ago	165,427	1,265	1,668	2,933
Avg Wt	5.31	3.28	8.03	6.02
To-date/2008	5,257,163	44,742	51,100	95,842
To-date/2007	5,120,581	35,822	46,168	81,990

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based 168.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 169.4 million head, or 0.7 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 09-Aug-08

	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	
	4.25 lbs	4.26 -	6.26 -	7.76 lbs	
	& down	6.25 lbs	7.75 lbs	& up	Total
Head	44,663	82,441	26,119	14,183	167,406
Avg Live Wgt	3.81	5.42	6.94	8.09	5.45
% of total /1	27%	49%	16%	8%	100%
Last week	40,570	80,718	28,296	17,081	166,665
Avg Live Wgt	3.78	5.39	6.94	8.30	5.56
% of total /1	24%	49%	17%	10%	100%
Year Ago 2/	44,351	86,441	30,055	4,580	165,427
Avg Live Wgt	3.77	5.37	6.96	8.30	5.31
% of total /1	27%	52%	18%	3%	100%
To date/2008	1,365,829	2,561,894	772,381	557,059	5,257,163
To date/2007	1,375,244	2,576,751	805,787	362,799	5,120,581

- /1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.
- /2 Comparable week.

Weight Class Description:

- (A) This size product is normally marketed bone-in into fast food and food service sectors and may include Cornish hens.
- (B) This size product is normally marketed into the retail grocery sector in tray pack or bagged forms.
- (C) This size product is normally marketed either into the retail grocery sector in tray pack and IQF form or is further processed and marketed into various sectors.
- (D) This size product is normally marketed deboned or as roasters or roasting chicken.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 09-Aug-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (E	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	2,186	2,853	30	1	5,070
Avg Wt	16.00	37.57	23.97	64.07	28.19
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	2,076	3,023	51	9	5,159
Same wk yr ago	2,075	2,703	54	1	4,833
Avg Wt	16.20	36.65	30.64	58.73	27.81
To-date/2008	63,496	87,609	747	301	152,153
To-date/2007	62,038	82,849	641	170	145,698

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL (404) 562-5850.